

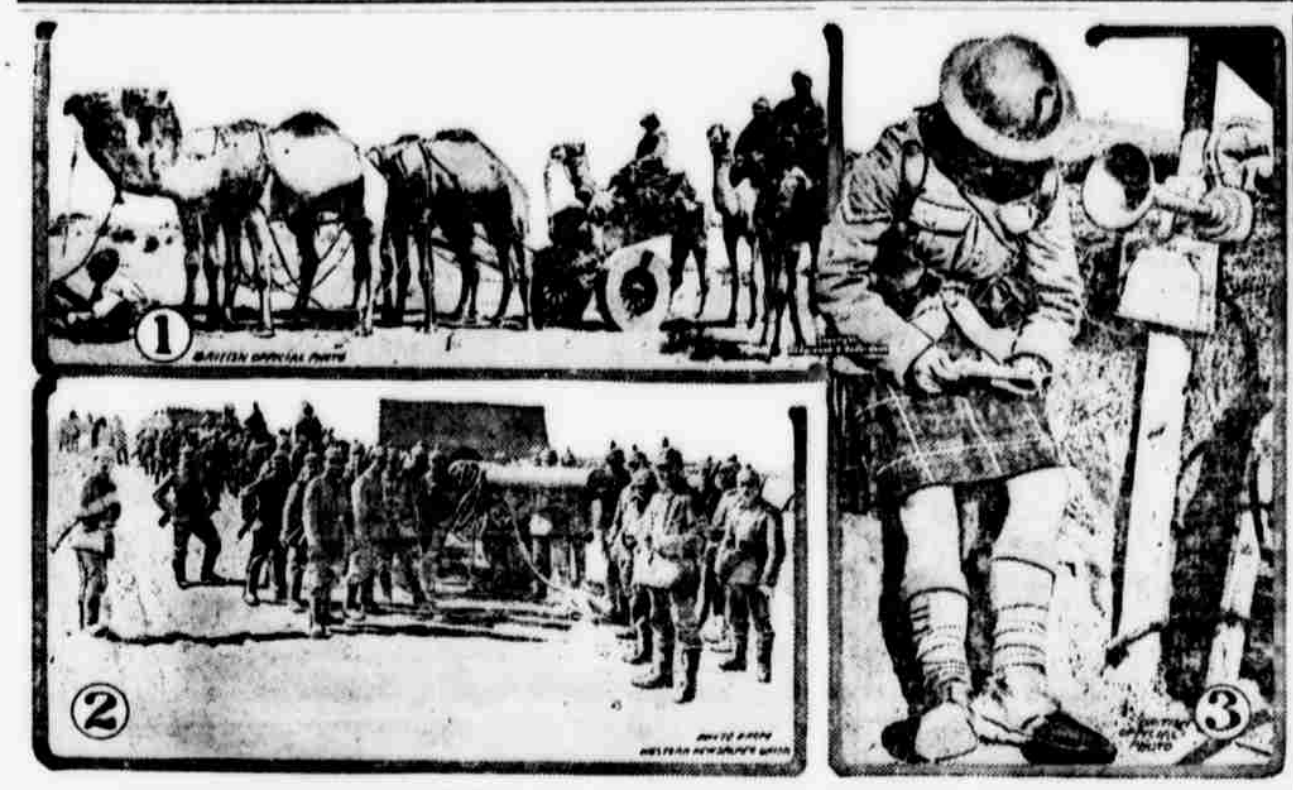
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1-British in Palestine laying a telephone cable with the aid of a chariot drawn by camels. 2-Huge German guns of a new model being hurried up to the western front. 3-Highlander in a gas sentry post ready to spread the alarm when the Germans let loose the poisonous fumes.

NEWS REVIEW OF THE PAST WEEK

COSSACKS UNDER KORNILOFF AND KALEDINES FIGHTING THE BOLSHEVIKI.

LENINE'S RULE TOTTERING

Germany Prepare for Great Offensive on Western Front—Halt Repulses Their First Attacks—Italians Still Holding Piave River Line—Our War Preparation Methods Are Being Investigated.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.

Speculating on what has happened in Russia and what is about to happen has become a favorite occupation of the rest of the world. Dispatches from Petrograd, where the means of communication are controlled by the bolsheviks, are wholly unreliable, and news from other sources is fragmentary and conflicting. At this writing the facts appear to be about as follows: In southern and southeastern Russia the Cossacks, who stand for law and order, are fighting the bolshevik forces; in Petrograd and Moscow Lenin and his crowd are maintaining themselves in power by using the strong hand, arresting and murdering their opponents and bulldozing the constituent assembly, which began its sessions; the Russian armies on the east front, following the arrangement of an armistice, are rapidly disbanding, and the Romanians were forced to accept an armistice by the action of their allies; but the negotiations for peace started by the bolsheviks have run against a snag in the extraordinary demands made by the Germans; many different parts of Russia have declared their independence, and Siberia shows signs of reverting to the rule of the deposed czar; Vladivostok, where are immense quantities of supplies sent by America and the entente allies, is patrolled by Japanese troops, and Harbin is being protected by Chinese soldiers.

If this is a correct statement of conditions at the close of the week, it would be a bold man who would predict the immediate future.

Reports of Battle Contradictory.

According to official bolshevik dispatches from Petrograd, the Cossacks under Korniloff were defeated early in the week, near Bielgorod, but another account of the battle said Korniloff routed his opponents, that many of them joined his forces and that he surrounded the others and "dealt with them very drastically." General Kaledines, the Cossack hetman, also is active in southern Russia and it is said to be his hope, with the aid of the allies, at least to shut the Germans out of the food-producing part of the country.

Wireless reports from Rostov, which did not reach the outside world until Thursday, said Kaledines was besieging that city and that within Rostov the Cossacks had been fighting the bolsheviks and destroyed their headquarters. At the same time a transport manned by bolsheviks was bombarding the Kaledines forces.

Bitterly disappointing to the bolsheviks must be the German demands made in the peace negotiations, and at this distance it is hard to see what may be the Kaiser's purpose in being so severe. His commissioners are reported to have insisted that Germany shall not give up any Russian territory she now occupies; that Petrograd must be evacuated until peace is concluded; that the Ukraine shall be ceded to Austria-Hungary; that Germany shall

EX-FIRE BOYS ENTERTAIN IN HONOR OF FRED KREGER

Members of the Ex-Fire Department had their annual celebration at Bill's Place Monday night in honor of the departure of their former chief, Fred Kreger. Oysters and other good eats were served to eight of the ten members.

Mr. Kreger is leaving for Mora to take up farming on an irrigated farm. He was perhaps the best fireman this city ever had as he had had much experience before coming here. The boys all followed his instructions and were well trained for the work they had to do.

Those present were H. Rusby, Fred Kreger, Jim Lovelady, M. E. Parish, Wm. Shope, Jno Young, Tom Ridley and Ernest Hall.

JUDGE CUTLIP IMPROVING

Judge J. D. Cutlip, who for the past week has been seriously sick with rheumatism which threatened to go to his heart, is reported today to be slowly improving and hope for his recovery is again restored. For a time his life was hanging by a small thread and death would not have surprised those who were keeping watch over him, but the tide has changed and it is now thought he will recover.

FIBER FACTORY WILL SELL STOCK TO BUY MORE MACHINERY

Charley McCrae and C. T. Haas, returned the first of the week from Kansas City and other points where they went in the interest of the Palmilla Fiber Co., owners of the beargrass or fiber factory, lately incorporated and already having a small factory equipped with specially made machines to turn the native bear grass into a merchantable fiber.

Messrs. McCrae and Haas witnessed some of the fiber mixed with sisal fiber run through the machines of the Kansas City Cordage Co. They were making binder twine and after the twine was made it was sent to the testing machine. It was pronounced by the specialists as strong as the all-sisal product.

This is one of the largest mills in the United States and uses more than 60,000 pounds of fiber a day. They are anxious to buy all the fiber this factory can possibly turn out. All kinds of fiber is bringing better prices than ever before and while the beargrass fiber will not bring nearly so much as the sisal on account of it being much shorter, it will command a good price and the local promoters expect to be able to pay the farmers a good price for the raw material when the enlarged factory is ready for operation.

Stock certificates have been printed and capital for the enlargement of the factory will be raised as soon as possible. New machines will be built.

Messrs. Wesson and Criley went to El Paso last week and volunteered their services to Uncle Sam. Both passed credible examinations and had telegraphed home to that effect, but Sunday just before the train left for Tucumcari Mr. Wesson was notified that he could not pass as one of his feet had two "bum" toes. He was much disappointed after having made up his mind to join the army and do his part for democracy. Mr. Criley will leave this week and begin training. He has many friends who wish him a safe return if it be found necessary to take him across the big pond.

Join the Red Cross this week.

GOVERNMENT WILL AID IN BUILDING THE ROAD ACROSS COUNTY

The citizens along the Ozark Trails and especially the members of the local Commercial Club are elated today over the good news advising them of the fact that the Federal Government will help build the Ozark Trails from Glenrio to Montoya.

Word was first received to the effect that the government would put up its part on what is known as the Rudolph creek this side of the Flemister place. At this point \$50,000 is to be spent on one mile of road. Then the Revuelto creek and roadway over a new route east from the bridge. This is to cost \$10,000. The best of all was the news coming from State Engineer French in a telegram to Senator Albert Caliseh at Montoya which said they had accepted the task of building the road from Tucumcari to Montoya, a distance of 22 miles for \$88,000. In all more than \$100,000 will be spent on the Ozark Trails to put it in good condition. The roadbed will be properly graded and then macadamized all along the route. The surveying has been completed by Mr. Hobart and he has taken special pains to help the road boosters along the route to choose the best route. He has taken great interest in Tucumcari and he is liked by all those who have had any dealings with him.

For a time it looked like an impossibility to secure federal aid, or even state aid, but the road is of much consequence since it has been designated as a part of the Ozark Trail. It will mean much to New Mexico and Tucumcari will derive great benefits from being one of the main points along this popular route.

The Commercial Club members went to Amarillo and landed the Trail for this county. Then a few weeks later an inspector, Mr. Lynch of the federal government, accompanied by Assistant State Engineer Charles and Mr. Hobart were tendered a banquet at the Vorenberg. They could promise nothing but they appreciated the spirit of the local association and went on their way inspecting each stretch of proposed roadway. Nothing had been heard from the government's decision as it had to go through the usually red tape process, but this week the news came fast and sure when it was officially reported that the Government was behind this project.

The government is working on a military highway from St. Louis to the Mexican border and it was no doubt the conclusion that following the Trail as far as possible would be the cheapest and best way. Now it is thought the road will be built to Santa Rosa and a connecting link run from there to Alamogordo joining the road there which will run to El Paso. This road will run nearly parallel with the E. P. & S. W. from Tucumcari to El Paso and will cut-out all mountainous roads making it easy for all kinds of cars and trucks. This means much to the entire southwest because when Uncle Sam takes hold of a project it is sure to succeed. The expense on the county will be light as only one fourth of the amount spent in Quay county will be taken from the county road fund. This will leave many thousands of dollars to be spent on cross roads and other post roads throughout the county.

The commissioners have made a splendid investment and the county is not bonded to pay for the road. This splendid success is the result of hard work on the part of the local Chamber of Commerce and the business men who have stood behind it.

CARTER BOYS PLEAD GUILTY TO KIDNAPING AND STEALING CATTLE

Las Vegas, Dec. 13—When the case of Claude Carter and Rose Carter was called this morning in the district court, the many spectators in the room were surprised to hear both defendants plead guilty to the charges of kidnaping and stealing cattle.

The Carters were indicted for stealing about 40 head of cattle from Geo. Eccles, and for kidnaping Eccles. This occurred sometime in October, 1914, near the town of Montoya, but in San Miguel county. Carter and his brother went to Eccles' ranch, took Eccles from his home and hid him in a canyon near his house. One of the Carter boys guarded Eccles in the canyon for two weeks, keeping him virtually a prisoner there, while the other brother, Claude, rounded up all of Eccles' cattle about 40 in number, shipped them to Kansas City and sold them.

After receiving the money for the cattle Claude Carter returned to where his brother was holding Eccles in the canyon. They took Eccles to his house fastened him to a rafter with a trace chain riveted about Eccles' ankles, and then fled the country, and were fugitives from justice for nearly three years. Last summer they were located in Arizona by Sheriff Lorenzo Delgado, arrested there and brought back here, and have been in jail since sometime in June.

This morning in court Claude Carter, in making a statement to Judge Leahy in regard to the crime, stated that after fastening Eccles in his house with the chain, he wrote a letter to a friend of his named H. L. Thurman, asking him to go to the house and take the chains off of Eccles. He presented this letter to the court. Mr. Thurman was also in the court room.

The plea of guilty by the two Carters is a great saving of expense to the county. There were more than 20 witnesses subpoenaed in the case, all present in the court room, and the trial would have occupied at least four or five days.

Asked by the court whether they had anything to say why the judgment and sentence of the court should not be pronounced upon them, both defendants stood up, and Claude Carter addressed the court, reading partially from a typewritten paper which he had in his hand:

"I would like to make a little statement in answer to the charge with which we are accused. I wish to say we are guilty, and in making this plea of guilty we feel justified in asking a few minutes' time in which to explain the circumstances which led up to this crime.

"The starting point of this offense dates back to the year 1913, when our parents had to leave Old Mexico. They were forced out of Mexico and returned to the United States. Our parents were poor people, and having sold their home in the United States before going to Old Mexico, on their return they were homeless and out of money having spent what money they had in preparing a home in Mexico.

"Through some friends of mine in New Mexico I raised sufficient money to help our parents along until such time as they could return to New Mexico, when conditions got better in Old Mexico. But conditions in Old Mexico got worse instead of better, and my parents could not return to Old Mexico, and through misfortune of one kind or another, sickness being the main one, my father was obliged to call on some of the family for more help. I was at that time in the vicinity of Tucumcari, buying and shipping cattle—trying to get together money enough to pay what I already owed. At the time my father wrote me for more money. I only had \$50 in the bank, so I was obliged to call on my friends for further assistance, and I raised sufficient money to send to my father from friends in Montoya. I do not want to say this boastfully, but my friends when they advanced me this money, required no security from me but loaned me the money I asked for on my word of honor that I would pay it at a certain time. This money I borrowed in this way I sent to my father.

"After that, I kept buying and shipping cattle, trying to pay my own expenses and save sufficient money to pay back to my friends the money I had borrowed for my father, but the high price of cattle and the changed conditions were such that I could not raise the money to meet my obligations.

"So, after due consideration of my unpleasant, unfortunate situation, I came to a realization that something had to be done to raise the money to meet these obligations. I wish to state in reaching that conclusion it was not my desire to break the laws of the country, in regard to these obligations; it was not a course of my wilful and deliberate choosing that led me to do this, and Your Honor, I do not wish to see innocent people suffer for any consequences of my wrong-

doing. To substantiate that declaration I desire to call attention to a letter written by me at that time (in 1914) to H. L. Thurman of Montoya, New Mexico, in which the blame and responsibility was placed where it rightly and justly belongs—on myself.

"I fully realize that my brother and I have broken the law, and we have also done an injustice to Mr. Eccles, but we are glad to state we have taken nothing we cannot return, and when we have completed our sentences in prison and regained our freedom, we expect to pay Mr. Eccles for the cattle we took from him and right the wrong we have done in the greatest measure possible. With that being done, we can then face the world without shame, and meet our friends as well as the new ones we have met here in Las Vegas, with renewed hope and confidence and we hope in the future we can live honest and upright lives, and retain that highest of all gifts to mankind, the respect, honor and confidence of the people who came to our assistance at a time when we had to have help.

"In conclusion I ask the mercy of the court in behalf of myself and my brother in your consideration of this case."

Judge Leahy sentenced the defendants to be confined in the penitentiary at Santa Fe for a period of not less than four years nor more than five, and that each pay a fine of \$500. The same sentence was imposed in case No. 5547, being the indictment charging kidnaping, the two sentences to run concurrently.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE AT OPERA HOUSE MONDAY 24TH

Tucumcari is to have a community Christmas Tree next Monday at the Opera House. A number of the ladies of this city have been working hard to prepare a suitable program for the occasion and the following will be rendered in the afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, and again the same evening:

- Invocation—Rev. Stevenson.
- Carol—"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"—Selected Adult Voices.
- Christmas March.
- "World Babies for Jesus"—Character Song.
- Salute to the Christian Flag.
- Carol—"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"—Selected Adult Voices.
- Tableaux—Christmas Eve.
- Chorus—Santa Claus Song—Children's Voices.
- Christmas Jumping Jacks—Boys' Drill.
- Chorus—"Merry, Merry Christmas"—Children's Voices.
- Mother Goose Reception and Drill.
- Tableaux—The Christmas Story.
- Lullabye—Sleep, Baby, Sleep.—Children's Voices.
- Carol—"Come, Thou Almighty King"—Selected Adult Voices.
- Benediction—Rev. Reasoner.

Don't miss this splendid program and Community Christmas. If you cannot attend in the afternoon, don't fail to be there that night.

HOLIDAYS WILL EXTEND FROM DEC. 21 TO JAN. 2, 1918

The Tucumcari Board of Education has decided that the holidays in the public schools shall extend from Friday afternoon, Dec. 21, until Wednesday morning, Jan. 2, 1918. Parents are urgently requested to so arrange their holiday plans that all children of school age may be in school for classification and enrollment on Wednesday morning, Jan. 2.

All children who are six years of age or who will have reached their sixth birthday on or before February 1, 1918, will be admitted to school following the holiday vacation. Parents desiring to enter such children will please see that they are enrolled promptly as no children will be admitted to the beginner's class after January 15. Parents will call at the office of the Superintendent in the High School building between the hours of eight and ten of any school day to ascertain where children in the beginning class will be assigned. It is essential that all beginners be brought to the Superintendent's office for assignment. Children entering the Tucumcari schools for the first time will be required to present a vaccination certificate before they may be regularly enrolled. Parents of children who have not been vaccinated should see that the matter is attended to at once.

W. D. SHADWICK, Superintendent.

DR. CATTERSON APPOINTED ON ADVISORY BOARD

Dr. A. D. Catterson, of this city, this week received notice from Gov. Lindsey that he had been appointed chairman of the local Medical Advisory Board, who will examine those for the next draft. Dr. Catterson is an expert physician and surgeon and is a valuable addition to the local board.

Join the Red Cross this week.

HIGH SCHOOL WILL GIVE PROCEEDS THE TO LOCAL RED CROSS

The last game of the season to be played before the Christmas holidays will be staged in the High School gymnasium. Both the boys and the girls teams from Ft. Sumner will be here for a big double header, and the games promise to be hotly contested from start to finish.

The Ft. Sumner teams have been getting better every day and are said to be in the pink of condition as the result of having played several of the strong teams of the Pecos Valley. Many changes have been made by Coach Jackson since the game with Santa Rosa, and he feels confident that his men will show the aggregation from Ft. Sumner something new in the way of playing basketball.

There is no doubt about the girls being able to hold their own this year with the best teams of the state as Coach Wesson has a large number of good players to pick from and he knows a good player when he sees one. Over-confidence of the girls is the only obstacle and it is a cinch the girls from Ft. Sumner will make them play at top speed.

With the proper support from the people of Tucumcari we believe that this city will have a good chance this year to turn out a winning team, and make a run for the state championship as Coaches Jackson and Wesson are reaping the benefits of two years hard work with the boys and girls here.

Come out Friday and help us boost a winning team. Don't forget that this is the last game before the holidays.

MILITARY BAND PLAYS FOR LOCAL RED CROSS CHAPTER

The ladies of the Red Cross had a very pleasant surprise Saturday afternoon. While busy with their work in the Masonic Hall, Mr. A. Petersen, through the solicitation of Mr. Gresham, came up and announced that he was bringing the military band of the First U. S. Cavalry, to play a few pieces. The band is under the leadership of Sergeant Jakes and consists of twenty-two pieces. They entertained the ladies with several beautiful selections. And to show their appreciation the ladies presented the boys with a generous gift of chocolate bars.

Most of the patriotic ladies of Tucumcari can be found working for the Red Cross. A goodly number of them go to the rooms Thursday and Saturday afternoons, working at the tables in the Masonic Hall. It is just as dishonorable for the women to be slackers as it is for men. Every woman who has the time and health, who has a warm place in her heart for the boys who are fighting our battle is urged to do her bit. Of course the work you do at home is appreciated but it will do you good to come to the hall once or twice a week and see what others are doing and how they do it. Line up for the big task and be ready to start the new year aright.

Mr. Petersen is the general freight agent for the Chicago Rock Island with headquarters at Amarillo, but he always feels at home in Tucumcari, and never fails to do all he can for this city.

The band afterwards played a number of pieces on the bank corner and their efforts were certainly appreciated by all who were fortunate enough to be down town. They were on their way to Douglas, Ariz., from Wyoming, where the cavalry will do extensive training preparatory to embarking for France. They are mostly regulars and have been in the service two years or more, having been on the border last year.

Billy Lowman, who has been a resident of Tucumcari and vicinity for several years, died Friday and was buried Saturday afternoon in Sunny-side cemetery.

Mr. Lowman was a veteran of the Spanish-American war where he contracted tuberculosis. He came to New Mexico for his health and for a time it seemed he would get entirely well but he would take a back-set and then for several months he would live on his homestead and practically regain his health. A few weeks ago he took sick and together with his former affliction he was unable to pull through and gradually grew worse until Friday his life passed to the great beyond.

The Ozark Trails Garage held its grand opening Saturday night and a large crowd was in attendance. The fine new garage was handsomely decorated and dancing together with vocal music were enjoyed until a late hour when refreshments were served. Manager James, together with his assistants have been busy all week putting the different departments in readiness for the immense business anticipated. This garage will handle such cars as the Oldsmobile, Oakland, Buick, Overland and the Republic truck. Watch their ads for other special announcements.

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